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MEMORANDUM

Date: 26 July 1971

To: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Reference:

From: THE PRESIDENT WPD per mail

CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to WPD from Monagan of 7/15
Letters to Monagan from WPD of 7/22 and 7/23
(Re letter to Monagan from J. Arthur Johnson)

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WILLIAM P. DURKEE, PRESIDENT

22 July 1971

The Honorable John S. Monagan
House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Monagan:

This is in answer to your letter of July 15 requesting any comments I may wish to make concerning the recommendations of Mr. J. Arthur Johnson of Black Rock Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

It is brought to the attention of all employees prior to hire, particularly those in the News and Policy areas, that they could be subject to difficulties when traveling to Soviet or Bloc areas as a result of having worked for Radio Free Europe. Candidates for Policy Assistant positions have been told that people such as William Griffith, formerly Policy Advisor, and Fritz Ermarth, formerly of the Policy Department, have for many years traveled quite freely to Eastern Europe and the USSR. It has been clearly indicated to such job applicants that no one can predict what the policies of any Communist government will be with respect to allowing former RFE employees to visit Communist countries. This is a risk which is understood and, presumably, accepted by those who agree to work here. The fact of Mr. Eidlin's arrest is now, of course, being brought to the attention of any "young American" or anyone else applying for an appropriate position.

As you may also recall, Mr. Eidlin was arrested in part because he worked for Radio Free Europe, not just on espionage

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charges, which were made but later dropped, and he was actually convicted simply because he worked for RFE.

It may be worth also noting that Mr. Eidlin was specifically warned by many people, including the Director of RFE, that he should refrain from traveling to East Europe and that if he persisted he would be a candidate for secret police action.

Yours sincerely,

William P. Durkee

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July 15, 1971

Mr. William Durkee, Director
Radio Free Europe
National Press Building
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Mr. Durkee:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. J. Arthur Johnson, Black Rock Road, Watertown, Connecticut, which I am sending along to you for your information and consideration.

I would appreciate having any comments you may wish to make concerning Mr. Johnson's recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Monagan

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Member of Congress

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Black Rock Road
Watertown, Conn.
July 12, 1971

The Honorable John S. Monagan
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Sir:

I noted with interest some time ago a photograph which appeared in the Waterbury Republican & American of you and a close personal friend, Mr. Fred Eidlin, Rochester, New York. Eidlin was a colleague of mine at Radio Free Europe in Munich and, like myself, was a graduate of Dartmouth College. I was greatly distressed to learn of his trial and subsequent imprisonment in Czechoslovakia, for I knew the situation well enough to realize that the espionage charges were a complete fabrication. Fortunately, thanks to your intervention, the story had a happy ending and his release was secured. Your efforts in this case are greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, Eidlin's case is not an isolated incident. One reads from time to time of similar instances, and I suspect that others are not deemed sufficiently important to make the headlines in our papers. As a former RFE employee, however, I believe that organization (and through it the U.S. Government) has a responsibility which has not been met in the past. RFE management knows well the laws concerning espionage and activity against the state in each of the broadcast target nations --

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i. e. the doctrine that an individual is responsible for anti-state acts which he may have committed some years past and while on foreign soil.

Yet, no mention is made of these possibilities when RFE is recruiting young college graduates for work in Munich. Eidlin and myself were both serious students of Communist affairs and of Eastern Europe in particular. To pursue these fields, study and travel in Eastern Europe is essential. Yet, by brief employment at Radio Free Europe both of us have forfeited our right to travel in certain countries for the rest of our lives. This is a stiff (and unnecessary) price to pay for the privilege of working at an organization which attracts budding scholars because of its extensive collection of information on modern Eastern Europe.

I would submit there is something radically wrong with the personnel department of RFE when it fails to make these possibilities crystal clear to all prospective employees. Unfortunately, this shortcoming is but one of many serious deficiencies in the operation of this radio station. But, it is perhaps the most regrettable shortcoming in that it can haunt an individual for the rest of his life, or, even worse, place him in very real physical danger, as was the case with Eidlin.

Again, many thanks for your intervention in the Eidlin affair and for the opportunity to express my views on this problem.

Very truly yours,

/S/

J. Arthur Johnson

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23 July 1971

The Honorable John S. Monagan
House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Monagan:

In connection with the reply which I have written you on 22 July with respect to Mr. J. Arthur Johnson of Black Rock Road, Watertown, Connecticut, the following is for your background:

Mr. Johnson was employed on 1 July 1968 as Rumanian Policy Assistant. He was terminated on 31 July 1970. He was asked to leave because Mr. James Brown, head of the East European Research and Analysis Department where Johnson worked concluded "after nearly two years of working closely with him that he had neither the energy, interest, nor talent to be successful in his work or to make a real contribution to the work of the Department." The situation was discussed with him and Johnson was given the opportunity to resign as of 31 July 1970, giving personal circumstances as the reason. Mr. Johnson's character was beyond reproach while he was employed and he was a likeable man.

The Mr. Brown referred to is a British subject, a widely known and respected expert on Eastern Europe and the author of numerous books on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

William P. Durkee

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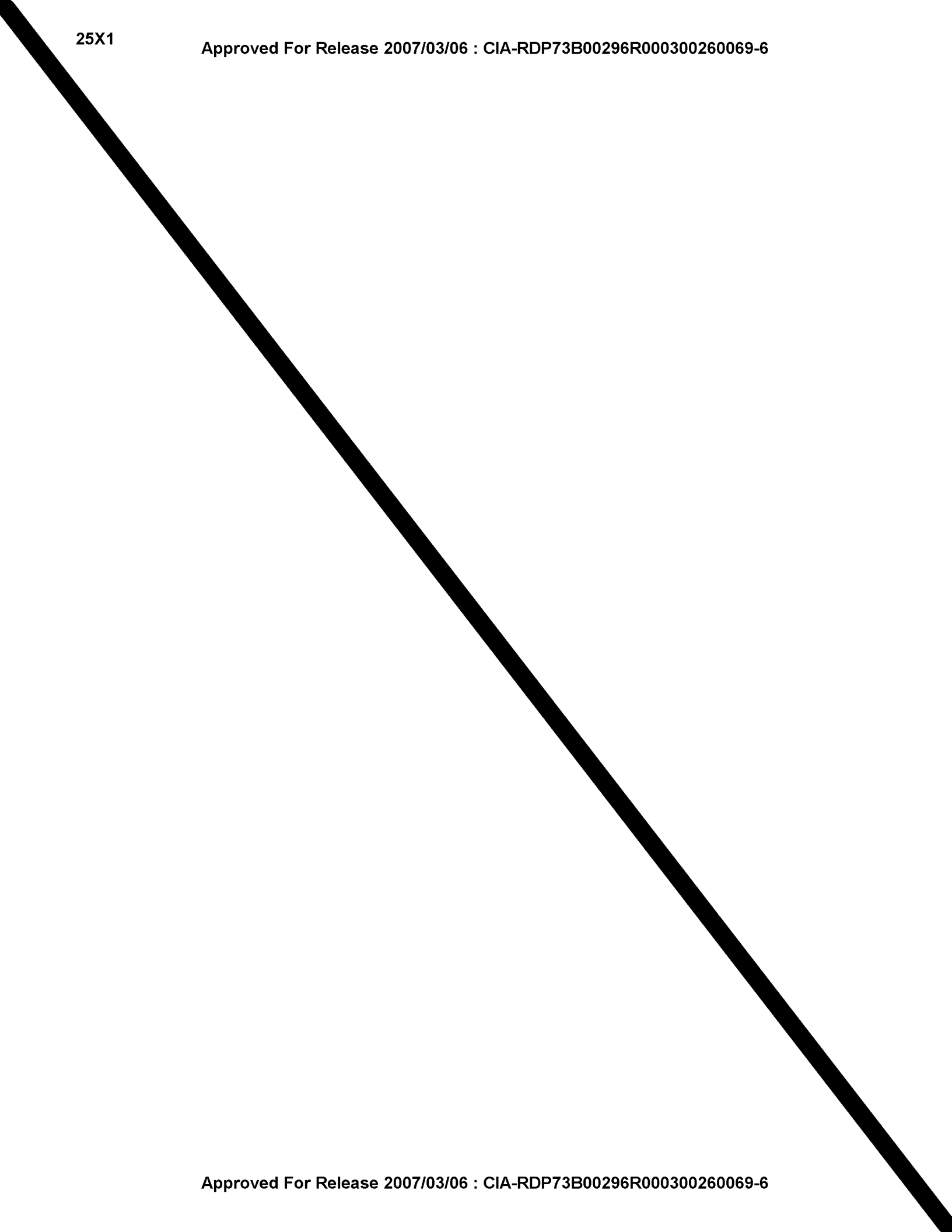

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25X1 [redacted] Mr. Wymberley Coerr, Deputy to Ray Cline, State Department INR, called again to inquire as to the status of our position paper on the Cooper (S. 2224) and Church (S. 1887) bills. I told Coerr we had asked for views from our people by Wednesday and we would be back in touch with him at the end of the week.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT: State Department's Response to Senator Fulbright on Downey/Fecteau

1. Mr. William Brown, EA/ACA at State, provided the following information regarding action the Department has taken in responding to Senator Fulbright's letter concerning Downey/Fecteau:

a. Mr. David M. Abshire, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, talked with Mr. Carl Marcy of the staff of Senator Fulbright's Foreign Relations Committee on 16 July regarding the Senator's query. Mr. Abshire advised Mr. Marcy that the matter was being looked into and was very delicate, and that certain moves are underway at the moment which are aimed at attempting to secure the early release of the prisoners.

b. Mr. Brown said that having privately informed Senator Fulbright's staff of the above, a pro forma letter would be sent by him (he had not yet drafted it) in response to the Senator's letter to State. Mr. Brown's letter would not refer to present initiatives, but would take the form of the standard State response to queries of this sort.

c. Mr. Brown added that Mr. Harrison Symmes (of Abshire's office) had also contacted Senators Ribicoff (Conn.) and Mathias (Maryland) and provided them with essentially the same information as had been given to Mr. Marcy. Symmes also planned to advise Senator Weicker (Conn.). All of these senators have shown special interest for one reason or another, in the case of these two prisoners.

2. You may wish to bring this to the attention of those higher up the line.

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